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## <u>COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE</u>

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SIR:

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included on page 16 of the Notice of Allowability dated May 13, 2010 characterizes the invention in terms of elements of an apparatus and does not mention any method steps. Therefore, the "Statement" mischaracterizes the invention in unduly narrow terms inconsistent with the actual claim language. Accordingly, the "Statement" is limited to claims 1-27 which cover the apparatus and does not relate to method claims 28-34.

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